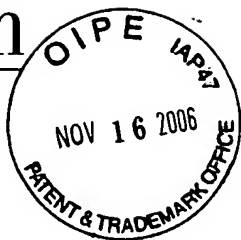


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For: *Poly(Arylene Sulfide) and Production Process Thereof*  
Inventors: Sato, et al.  
Our Ref. No.: 358275.30013

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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO 1449;
3. Twenty-seven (27) cited references; and
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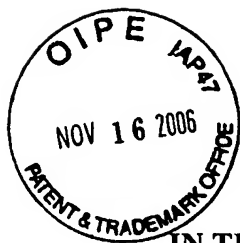
  
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☒ 4. Relevance of the non-English language documents is discussed in the present specification. See page 2-4, of the specification of the present application.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622

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## Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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